

## **DWISRF PROPOSED CHANGES FOR FY-05**

### 1. PRIORITY SYSTEM CATEGORIES

- A. Category IV One Well - This new category is for those systems that have neither a backup working well nor an emergency tie-in to another system [said tie-in was previously approved by the Mississippi State Department of Health Division of Water Supply(MSDHDWS)].
- B. Category XI Other - This new category is for those projects that do not meet the ranking criteria of any other Priority System category but have been determined by MSDHDWS staff to be loan eligible.

### 2. PRIORITY RANKING CRITERIA

- A. System Capacity - This new scoring factor is for those systems that are either currently overloaded (as determined by MSDHDWS staff to either be presently exceeding the design capacity or will be exceeding the design capacity within two years). Priority points equal to 25% of the benefit/cost points assigned to the proposed project will be added if the proposed project includes scope(s) of work that increases significantly the design capacity of the system.
- B. Short-term / Long-Term Technical Assistance - The Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Board (Board) has contracted with Community Resources Group (CRG)to provide either short-term (4-10 contact hours) or long-term (over the period of one year) technical assistance to designated public water systems in the stated based on the latest Capacity Assessment Form. Participation in this assistance within the past two years will have an additional 5% of the benefit/cost points included in the total points for the proposed project. Implementation of all the recommendations made during this technical assistance will result in an additional 5% of the benefit/cost points added to the benefit/costs points. Documentation of participation and implementation must be included in the facilities plan for these additional points to be awarded.
- C. Drinking Water Needs Survey Participation - Any public water systems that participated in the most recent form of either the MSDHDWS Public Water Supply Improvements Needs Survey or the EPA Drinking Water Needs Survey by satisfactorily completing and returning this form to the MSDHDWS will be eligible for an additional 10% of the benefit/cost points.

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